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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This letter is in response to the Office Communication of September 28, 2006 which provides that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I "Claims 1-12 and 20, drawn to a fluid control device, classified in class 428, subclass 304.4.

Group II "Claims 13-19, drawn to a method of manufacturing, classified in class 205, subclass 192."

Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group II (Claims 13-19).